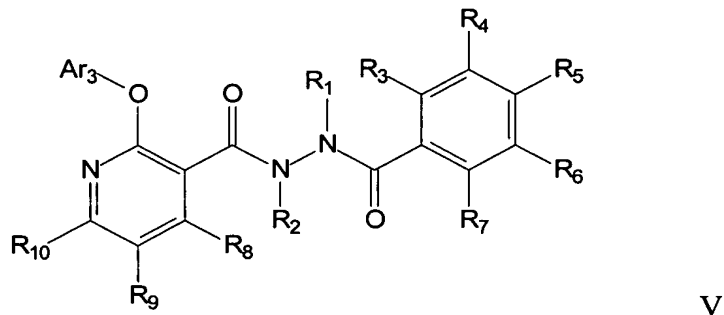


Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1: (currently amended) A compound having the formula V:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt ~~or prodrug~~ thereof, wherein:

Ar₃ is optionally substituted aryl;

R₁ and R₂ are independently hydrogen, alkyl or cycloalkyl;

R₃-R₁₀ are independently hydrogen, halo, haloalkyl, aryl, fused aryl, carbocyclic, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, carbocycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, amino, cyano, acylamino, hydroxy, thiol, sulfonyl, phosphonyl, acyloxy, azido, alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, haloalkoxy, carboxy, carbonylamido or alkylthiol;

with the proviso that when Ar₃ is unsubstituted phenyl then each of R₃-R₇ is other than NH₂, NHCH₃, NO₂, ~~Cl~~ halo or CF₃ and at least one of R₃-R₇ is other than hydrogen;

~~wherein said prodrug is an ester of carboxylic acid containing compounds with a C₁₋₄ alcohol; an ester of hydroxy containing compounds with a C₁₋₄ carboxylic acid, C₃₋₆ dioic acid or anhydride thereof; an imine of amino containing compounds with a C₁₋₄~~

~~aldehyde or ketone; a carbamate of amino-containing compounds; or an acetal or a ketal of alcohol-containing compounds;~~

wherein the alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl and alkynyl groups may have optional substituents selected from the group consisting of one or more halo, hydroxy, carboxyl, amino, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₆ acylamino, C₁-C₆ acyloxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, C₄-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl(C₂-C₆)alkenyl and C₆-C₁₀ aryl(C₂-C₆)alkynyl groups; and

wherein the aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl and aralkynyl groups may have optional substituents selected from the group consisting of one or more halo, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, C₆-C₁₀ aryloxy, C₄-C₇ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl(C₁-C₆)alkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl(C₂-C₆)alkenyl-, C₆-C₁₀ aryl(C₂-C₆)alkynyl, C₁-C₆ hydroxyalkyl, nitro, amino, ureido, cyano, C₁-C₆ acylamino, hydroxy, thiol, C₁-C₆ acyloxy, azido, C₁-C₆ alkoxy and carboxy groups.

Claim 2: (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen.

Claim 3: (canceled).

Claim 4: (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein Ar₃ is optionally substituted aryl.

Claim 5: (previously presented) The compound of claim 4, wherein Ar₃ is optionally substituted phenyl.

Claims 6 and 7: (canceled)

Claim 8: (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-2-hydroxy-benzhydrazide;

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-benzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-3-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-4-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-2-hydroxybenzhydrazide;

~~N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-3-fluorobenzhydrazide;~~

~~N'-(2-Phenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl)-2-fluorobenzhydrazide;~~ and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts and prodrugs thereof.

Claims 9-10: (canceled).

Claim 11: (currently amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

~~N'-[5-(1-Hexynyl)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-benzhydrazide;~~

~~N'-(Pyridine-3-carbonyl)-4-bromobenzhydrazide;~~

~~N'-(2-Phenoxypyridine-3-carbonyl)-(N-oxide-pyridine-3-carbonyl)hydrazide;~~
N'-(2-Phenoxypyridine-3-carbonyl)-(pyridine-3-carbonyl)hydrazide;
N'-[2-(Methylthio)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzhydrazide;
2-Phenoxypyridine-3-carboxylic acid (3-pyridylmethylidene)-hydrazide;
2-Phenoxypyridine-3-carboxylic acid (4-pyridylmethylidene)-hydrazide;
2-Chloropyridine-3-carboxylic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
2-Anilinopyridine-3-carboxylic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
Biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
2-(3-Trifluoromethyl-anilino)-pyridine-3-carboxylic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
3,4,5-Trimethoxy-benzoic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
3,4-Dihydroxy-benzoic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
4-(Pyridin-4-yl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)pyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
5-Amino-2-phenoxy-benzoic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
2-(Morpholin-4-ylmethyl)-benzoic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
5-Nitro-2-phenoxy-benzoic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
2-[1-(6-Chloro-pyridin-2-yl)-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-ylmethoxy]-benzoic acid (3-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-hydrazide;
2-Phenoxybenzoic acid (3-trifluoromethylbenzylidene)-hydrazide; and
2-Phenoxybenzoic acid (2-hydroxybenzylidene)-hydrazide; and
pharmaceutically acceptable salts and prodrugs thereof;

~~wherein said prodrug is an ester of carboxylic acid containing compounds with a C₁₋₄ alcohol; an ester of hydroxy containing compounds with a C₁₋₄ carboxylic acid, C₃₋₆ dioic acid or anhydride thereof; an imine of amino containing compounds with a C₁₋₄ aldehyde or ketone; a carbamate of amino containing compounds; or an acetal or a ketal of alcohol containing compounds.~~

Claim 12: (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising the compound of claim 1 or 11, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 13-79 (canceled)

Claim 80: (new) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, wherein R₁ and R₂ are hydrogen.

Claim 81: (new) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, wherein at least one of R₃-R₇ is other than hydrogen.

Claim 82: (new) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12, wherein Ar₃ is optionally substituted phenyl.

Claim 83: (new) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 82, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-2-hydroxy-benzhydrazide;

N'-[2-(4-Methylphenoxy)pyridine-3-carbonyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-
benzhydrazide;
N'-(2-Phenoxypyridine-3-carbonyl)-3-hydroxybenzhydrazide;
N'-(2-Phenoxypyridine-3-carbonyl)-4-hydroxybenzhydrazide;
N'-(2-Phenoxypyridine-3-carbonyl)-2-hydroxybenzhydrazide; and
a pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.